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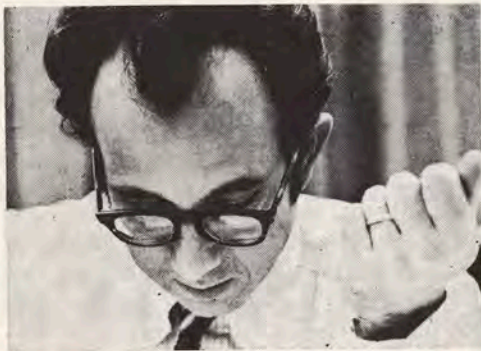
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A Message from the Dean

This has been a difficult message to write. With the realization that it is the last time I will speak to you as Dean has come the inspiration for a number of messages. Among all these ideas, however, one stands out as being of primary importance.

During the period of my administrative service I have come to recognize the extraordinary role graduates can and must play in the life of this School. And I have in mind much more than contributions to the Law School Fund. It is, of course, true that we cannot hope to flourish unless we increase our external financial support. Graduate giving must figure prominently in any such program. But it is very nearsighted to look at a list of graduates and see only donors. You mean so much more to us than dollars.

Two areas in which we need help are student recruitment and graduate placement. A number of students apply here and then decide to go elsewhere. I am always disturbed when we lose a good Indiana student to an out-of-state school. A carefully planned effort to convince admitted students that they should attend our School might induce more applicants to stay in Indiana. Graduates can play a valuable role in this program, and we hope to work on such a project in cooperation with your School of Law Alumni Association Board of Directors.

Placement is another area in which we need your assistance. The best form of help is to hire our second- and third-

year students. But you can also render valuable service by counseling students on opportunities available in your communities. Finally, you can provide information about IU to other lawyers who have not previously hired IU students. Our Placement Office hopes to work with you on all these programs.

Even after we have enlisted your increased involvement in our annual giving program and in the recruitment and placement of students, we will not have made the fullest use of our graduate resources. We will not prosper unless you are proud of your School and believe in what we are doing. The importance of graduate good will and loyalty was emphasized during the past several months when the Committee of Special Consultants on Legal Education, appointed by President John Ryan, was considering the status of the School. You know that I asked law graduates to submit their views to President Ryan. Approximately 250 letters crossed my desk, and I have no way of knowing how many of you wrote or phoned directly to the President's Office. More impressive than the number was the diversity in the backgrounds of the letter writers. Responses came from classes separated by almost 60 years (the Class of 1917 to the Class of 1975). Both Indiana lawyers and non-residents, small town lawyers and big city practitioners, corporate and government officials were represented. Almost unanimously they supported the academic program at Bloomington. I have to

believe that this support was most helpful.

I do not see the relationship between the Law School and its graduate body as a one-way street. You have an important stake in the continuing good reputation of the School. While many will judge you by your achievements after graduation, others will measure you in part by the reputation of your alma mater—the current reputation of your School and not what the Law School was when you graduated from it. It is in your own self-interest to see that the School maintains its high professional standing.

As I close this message, I am conscious of the fact that I will miss speaking to you through the pages of the *Bill of Particulars*. The personal support I have received from many of you has been very gratifying. I know that you will honor my successor with the same loyalty. I cannot overemphasize the importance of our graduate body. Deans and faculty and students come and go. Graduates of this School are the only constant factor. And, as such, must serve as the foundation of any program which hopes to achieve and maintain academic excellence.

Douglass G. Boshkoff
Nov. 28, 1975

School hosts forum on sentencing

P-A-C-E (Public Action in Correctional Effort) sponsored a forum on "Sentencing Alternatives" at the IU-Bloomington School of Law in November.

"How Best to Protect the Public Against Criminal Acts while Dealing Fairly with Offenders" was the forum's subtitle. This issue was discussed by local, state and national figures involved in some capacity in the corrections field.

Speakers were Robert Davis, vice-president of Fortune Society, New York; Robert Heyne, commissioner, Indiana Department of Correction; Gerald Mills, mutual agreement programming coordinator for State of Wisconsin.

Three Bloomington men then headed a panel discussion. Panelists were Barry Brown, JD'71, Monroe County prosecuting attorney; Anthony Pizzo, state legislator, and F. Thomas Schornhorst, professor, School of Law.

The forum was made possible by a matching grant from the Indiana Committee for the Humanities.